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1. IN ATTEMPT TO FIND LEGAL BASIS FOR GOV DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FOREIGN FLAG SHIPS IN ASSESSING PORT CHARGES, EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED THE PILOTAGE LAW (LEY DE PILOTAJE, AUGUST 6, 1971).

2. ARTICLE 44 OF THAT LAW ALLOWS THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TO GRANT VENEZUELAN SHIPS EXONERATIONS OF UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THE CHARGES ESTABLISHED BY THE LAW.

3. CHAPTER VI, SECTION I, ARTICLE 24 OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE PILOTAGE LAW STATES THAT NATIONAL FLAG SHIPS PAY 50 PERCENT OF THE CHARGES ESTABLISHED BY THE INDIVIDUAL PILOTAGE REGULATIONS OF THE DIFFERENT NATIONAL PORTS. THUS, A LEGAL BASIS ON FEDERAL LEVEL EXISTS FOR DISCRIMINATORY CHARGES.
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